

(Washington, D.C.) - Congressman Ciro D. Rodriguez released the following statement in response to the President's declaration of Eagle Pass as a Federal disaster:

"I am relieved the President has declared Eagle Pass a Federal disaster. I've been to the affected areas twice since the tornado struck last week and I've seen massive amounts of damage to property and the uprooting of the lives of hundreds of people. The Federal resources that will be released as a result of this disaster declaration will be dedicated to the rebuilding effort and helping residents regroup after this trauma. While there is still a very long road until a sense of normalcy returns to the community, this is the first step towards recovery."